

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of implementing an RF passthrough for a digital network recorder, and a means for practicing the method, the method consists of the steps of:

5 monitoring an output of a digital video decoder of a digital network recorder that continuously records an input television signal to a memory and continuously decodes and plays the input television signal having been recorded; and outputting the input television signal to a

10 television, in the event an output video signal is not output from the digital video decoder, wherein the output video signal comprises the input television signal having been previously recorded and decoded. For example, the input television signal is passed through to the

15 television during the booting up process or a failure of the digital network recorder.